

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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**Project Title:** Dead Horse Pond (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0337-R3)

**Project Location:** The project is located on an unnamed tributary to Blossom Creek at 1230 Bennett Lane, Calistoga, Napa County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0337-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Poston Crest Vineyard/Bunker LLC.

Poston Crest Vineyard/Bunker LLC holds two appropriative water right Licenses (L10734 and L9834) from the State Water Resources Control Board for storage and use of an on channel 27.2-acre-foot reservoir. The reservoir was constructed prior to 1953 and is filled by impounding water from a small watershed behind an earthen berm. An overflow channel is located on the south side of the pond/reservoir and conveys water to an unnamed tributary that ultimately joins Blossom Creek.

No improvements, upgrades, or changes in use to the reservoir will be made.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

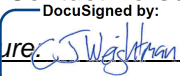
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Poston Crest Vineyard/Bunker LLC

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is categorically exempt from CEQA, pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Statute and Guidelines because the project consists of the operation of an on-stream reservoir, which does not include alterations to land or expansion of the reservoir.

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